

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Monday, August 26, 2019

Houghton Township Community Building

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mel Jones called the regular meeting to order at 6 p.m.

The Board and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Jack Treganowan

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Mel Jones, Clerk Carol Jones, Treasurer Mary Long, and Trustees Kathy McEvers and Jack Treganowan

GUESTS PRESENT: Dan Steck, Stephanie Teplasetkul, David Schumacher, Rodger Kershner, Karen Puhek, Carol Treganowan, Gary Bays and Ann Gasperich

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of July 15, 2019 regular meeting
- Accept financial reports – treasurer and clerk
- Approve payment of bills for all funds – General Fund (ch #5001 - 5014: \$3,443.94)
water department (ch #1455 – 1461: \$1798.48) Cemetery Fund – (ch #1122 - \$221.64)
Park fund – (Check #1003 - \$665.28)
 - Adopt agenda for tonight’s meeting

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by McEvers, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

ASSESSOR/BOARD OF REVIEW – Ann reported that Tim and Mark will continue to look into the Julio river property – ownership went back to the condominium.

WATER DEPARTMENT – Lead sample test results showed that all five sites were in compliance.

BUDGET – Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan to increase line item travel of the water budget by \$120, from \$375 to \$495. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS –

REPORTS:

- Alden Steck Family – Art exhibit well attended
- Dan Steck – Hendrickson has begun work on walking paths/ will begin work on the septic system. Application for permit for septic system has been submitted.
- Dave Schumaker – Rubber nuggets (picked up by Gary Bays) have been distributed under swings and monkey bars.
- Dave reported abuse of Deer Park garbage unit
- Mel reported results of curbside pickup with north end sanitation: cost would be \$60 for 3 months, and 20 – 25 customers needed; Mel will ask Bud Cole about the possibility of placing the dumpster on his vacant land.

NEW BUSINESS – Motion By Treganowan, seconded by McEvers that treasurer Mary Long be authorized to transfer \$6,425.00 from the savings account to the park account for septic expense. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by McEvers to remove the handicap berm around the township building and replace it with a deck at the back and connecting ramps. Motion passed unanimously.

Mel suggested that while Hendrickson was here in the fall, he could remove the berm.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Dan suggested that surplus budgeted funds from the septic system expenses be used towards the berm, and he would contribute toward the project also.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Next regular meeting – September 16th, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township

-CERTIFICATION-

I, the undersigned, Carol Jones, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Township of Houghton, Keweenaw County, Michigan, DO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on the 26th day of August, 2019.

Carol Jones, Clerk, Houghton Township